MINUTES

OF THE

MUSKINGUM

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE HOPEWELL CHURCH,

PERRY COUNTY, OHIO,

August 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1872.

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PREACHING ON THE STAND.

Wednesday, P. M.—Elder Grenlee, from Gen. XLV, 28. Elder Meaders, from Gal. III, 1.

Thursday.—Elder Swartout, from John XIV, 6. Elder Thompson, from John VI, 38:39. Elder Prichard, from Mark IX, 1:7.

Friday.—Elder Scofield, from Matt. XXIV, 14. Elder Thompson, from Rev. II, 1:17. Elder Meaders, from Acts XX, 28.

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Wednesday, August 21st, 10 o'clock, A. M. The introductory sermon was preached according to appointment last year, by the Alternate, D. G. Barker, from Romans III, 21.

The letters from the several Churches were called for by the former Moderator and read, the Messengers' names enrolled and statistics noted as follows:

Churches & Messengers	Ministers and Times of holding Meetings.	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Contributions
FALLS OF LICKING, *Muskingum Co.*—Wm. H. Prior, John D. Shaw, Wm. Butler	Wm. Butler, 2d Lord's day, John Crabtree, 4th Lord's day	4			2		1	53	$6,80
HOPEWELL, *Perry Co*—Aaron Johnson, David Ream, John Forscythe	Daniel Scofield, 1st Lord's day				1		1	24	4,50
FRIENDSHIP, *Licking Co.*—Jeremiah Grove, Saml. Meredith	——3d Lord's day	5					2	62	3,50
UNION, *Perry Co*—Saml. Buriff	Samuel C. Stover, 4th Lord's day	1	1					18	2,25
LANCASTER, *Fairfield Co*—Wm. Fisher, Jonas A Fartig, George Starner	Wm. Fisher, 4th Lord's day	1				1	2	21	1,20
LEXINGTON, *Perry Co*—Smith Wortman, Thos. Harper	John J. Vanhorne, 4th Lord's day		2					33	3.00
TIMBER RUN, *Musk. Co*—John Burley, John Bolin, Robt. Bolin	David G. Barker, 3d Lord's day		1				3	29	3,00
BETHEL, *Noble Co*—John Jourdan, Adam Jourdan, John Russel	Ephraim Barker, 1st Lord's day							30	3,45
BEULAH, *Muskingum Co*—Wm. Bonafield, Randolph Iden, J. J. Bolin	Jno Prichard, 1st Lord's day	3					2	36	3,00
UNIONTOWN, *Musk Co*—L. Richards, G. W. Moore	John J. Vanhorne, 2d Lord's day						1	19	2,00
YORK, *Morgan Co*—David Black, Lazelier Burley	Wm. Newlan, 3d Lord's day							14	2,05
ZOAR, *Muskingum Co*—David Woodruff, Lewis French, Troy Wells	Saml. C. Stover, 2nd Lord's day	2						22	1,70
MT. OLIVE, *Morgan Co*—John Croy, Milton	Lewis Kagy and John								

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Daugherty, C. M. Matthews	Croy, alternately, 1st Lord's day							22	$1,80
SCOTTS CREEK, *Hocking Co*—David G. Barker, Isaac Nixson, Albert Parker	John Parker, 2d Lord's day				1			60	3,60
GOSHEN, *Muskingum Co*—Thos Humphry, Jno. Davis	John Prichard, 2nd Lord's day	1					1	37	2,50
HARMONY, *Perry Co*—Letter but no Messenger	Wm. Newlan, 2d Lord's day		1		1		1	7	1,35
ENON, *Guernsey Co*—Letter but no Messenger	John J. Vanhorne, 1st Lord's day							15	,80
PLEASANT HILL, *Licking Co*—James Holmes, Collins McQueen, Mathew Porter, Sr	Wm. Butler, 1st Lord's day	7	1				1	45	5,25
JONATHANS CREEK, *Licking Co*—Danl Norman, Peter Gutridge, Ephraim Barker	Danl Scofield and Ephraim Barker, alternately, 4th Lord's day	3		1			2	42	3,18
MONDAY CREEK, *Perry Co*—Andrew Skinner, Jehu Skinner, John Larue	D. G. Barker, 1st Lord's day		2		3			21	3,00
LOST RUN, *Licking Co*—John Prichard, Lewis A Stephens	John Prichard, 4th Lord's day	7	1		1		1	36	3,35
FALLSBURG, *Licking Co*, —Letter but no Messenger	John Crabtree, 3d Lord's day			1	1		2	15	3,00
Totals		34	9	2	10	1	16	661	4,05

NOTE.—Saturday before the Lord's day first named in the above table is the day for Church business.

Adjourned until 1:45 o'clock.

1:45 o'clock Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Thompson.

1st. After calling the Messengers' names, as enrolled above, the Association organized for the present session by electing Elder David G. Barker, Moderator, and Wm. Butler, Clerk.

2d. The Constitution and Articles of Faith were read.

3d. Elder John Prichard, John Bolin and George W. Moore were appointed a Committee of Arrangement. The Messengers of Hopewell Church were appointed to arrange the preaching on the stand. Brother Albert Parker, Jeremiah Grove and Elder Samuel Meredith were appointed a committee on funds. Brother John Burley, Elders John Croy and Jehu Skinner were appointed a committee on visitation meetings.

4th. Churches wishing to unite with this Association called for.

5th. Correspondence from Sister Associations called for and presented as follows :

Miami—By Elder John Thompson and minutes.

Scioto—By Elder Daniel Scofield.

Sandusky—By Elder Thos. Swartout and minutes.

Pocotalico—By Elders W. Melton and N. Greelee and minutes.

The above Corresponding Messengers were all invited to seats in the Council.

6th. The Circular Letter, written by Elder E. Barker, and the Corresponding Letter, written by Brother J. Bolin, were called for, read and referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

7th. Corresponding Messengers to Sister Associations appointed:

Miami—Elders David G. Barker and John Prichard.

Scioto—Wm. Butler.

Sandusky—Not appointed till next year.

Pocotalico—Elder Ephraim Barker.

Associations wishing to open correspondence with this Association called for.

8th. The Committee on Preaching report Elders Swartout, Thompson, Prichard and Crabtree for to-morrow. The report was adopted.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

Benediction by Moderator.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22D, 10 O'CLOCK.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Fisher.

1st. The Messengers names were called.

2d. The Committee of Arrangement report the minutes of last year as the order of business. The report was adopted.

3d. Brother Lewis A. Stephens to write the Circular Letter and Elder David G. Barker the Corresponding Letter for next year.

4th. The Circular and Corresponding Letters as reported from the committee, were adopted.

5th. The committee on visitation meetings report:

Falls of Licking—5th Lord's day in December, at the Lower House, Elders Prichard and Kagy.

Union—4th Lord's day in October, Elder Prichard.

Lancaster—5th Lord's day in December, Elders E. Barker and Butler.

Lexington—5th Lord's day in June, Elders D. G. Barker and Butler.

Timber Run—3d Lord's day in May, Elders Prichard and Stover.

Bethel—3d Lord's day in December, Butler.

Beulah—1st Lord's day in June, Elders Thompson and Prichard.

Uniontown—5th Lord's day in June, Elder Prichard.

York—3d Lord's day in October, Elder Meredith.

Zoar—5th Lord's day in March, Elder Prichard.

Mt. Olive—2d Lord's day in October, Elder Crabtree.

Goshen—4th Lord's day in October, Elder Thompson.

Enon—5th Lord's day in September, Elder Prichard.

Pleasant Hill—5th Lord's day in September, Elders E. Barker and Vanhorne.

Monday Creek—3d Lord's day in October, Elder Croy.

Lost Run—4th Lord's day in October, Elder Stover.

Fallsburg—5th Lord's day in December, Elders Vanhorne and Meredith.

The above meetings to commence on Saturday preceding the Lord's day named, at 11 o'clock, A. M. The report was adopted.

6th. The next Association to be held with the Scotts Creek Church in Hocking county, four miles south of Logan, to commence on Wednesday before the 4th Lord's day in August, 1873, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Elder John J. Vanhorne to preach the introductory sermon, and in case of failure, Elder John Croy.

7th. The committee appointed last year to visit the Harmony Church, reported favorably and was discharged.

8th. The Committee on Funds report $63.85, appropriated as follows: Minutes, $17.25; Clerk, $5.00; Correspondence: Miami, $17.10: Scioto, $3.50; Pocotalico, $20. The report was adopted.

9th. The Committee on Preaching report Elders Scofield, Thompson and Meaders for to-morrow. The report was adopted.

10th. In reference to opening correspondence with the Owl Creek Association, we are ready to hear from her, whether she wishes to have such correspondence opened.

11th. The Association returns her grateful thanks to the Lutheran Church for the use of their house, and also to Mr. Ream for his kindness and the use of the ground on which to hold the meeting.

Adjourned to the time and place above written.

Benediction by Moderator.

DAVID G. BARKER, Moderator.

WM. BUTLER, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Muskingum Baptist Association to the several Associations with whom she corresponds, sends Christian love.

BELOVED BRETHREN IN THE LORD.—Notwithstanding we live in a dark and cloudy day, and many isms are round about us and seeking to enter in, we are once more permitted, through the mercy of an allwise God, to meet as an Association; may the Lord meet with us and direct us in all our deliberations. We desire a continuance of your correspondence and to walk together in love and unity, joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. There are a great many new things introduced calculated in their nature to divide the children of God, it is, therefore, very necessary that we be found striving together for the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

Imploring God to be our guide, and that love may rule in our heart, and that there be no divisions amongst us, to hinder our Christian correspondence, we remain yours in Christian love. Farewell.

Circular Letter.

To the Churches composing the Muskingum Baptist Association:

Dear Brethren:—Once more it becomes our duty to address you, and in so doing we have no new doctrine to set before you, but merely desire to put you in mind of important truths, which have already been taught you by the Lord of Life and Glory. We rejoice that God is an unchangeable being. He says of Himself, "I am the Lord, and change not; therefore, ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." Malachi, 3:6. He is the same yesterday and forever. We are taught in God's Word that God is love, and He being an unchangeable being it follows that that love is an unchanging love, as says the Lord by the mouth of the Prophet Jeremiah: "Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore, with loving kindness have I drawn thee." That which was done for us by our Heavenly Father, was done from a principle of love. He gave His Son to die for the redemption of His people, because of the love which He had for them, as is declared by the Apostle, who says: "Herein is love; not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." John 4:10. He further says: "We love Him because He first loved us." John 4:19. And when the pure love of God was first implanted in our hearts in its glorious brightness, and our minds soared to the bright realms of eternal bliss, how richly did our souls feed upon the instruction of the Apostle to the Thessalonian brethren. For ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. Like begets like. The Savior said, "That which is born of the flesh, is flesh; and that which is born of the spirit is spirit." And if we have been made partakers of the spirit of Christ in our hearts, we are in possession of that same love that dwells in His bosom, who, amid the pains of death, cried out in the sincerity of His soul, "Father, forgive them! for they know not what they do!" God instructs his children in the great and glorious principles of love, which leads us to love Him, and to love those that are begotten of Him. How beautifull did the people of God appear to us when we first felt this flow of love which filled our hearts with joy. The people of God appeared most beautiful in whose presence we delighted.

On the wings of his love,
We were carried above,
All sin, and temptation and pain,
We could not believe
That we ever should grieve—
That we ever should suffer again.

And how little we then thought that there ever would be an intervening cloud between us and any of the family of God, to whom we felt

drawn by such strong and Heavenly ties! But have we not since then, much to our sorrow, felt clouds of coldness in our hearts, and have seen the importance and necessity of the admonition of the Apostle, "Let brotherly love continue." Brethren, let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful that promised. And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works, and let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is. If we should see a brother or sister neglectful in duty, let us inquire after the reason. There are many duties which devolve upon us which truly are unpleasant, and from which, in consequence of our sinful and depraved nature, we feel to shrink. Every commandment is of the utmost importance, and in order to the welfare of the Zion of God, should be adhered to. Our Savior said to his disciples, "A new commandment I give unto you. That ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." He bears the names of all his dear children deep graven upon his heart; He ever watches over them; He will forever protect them from all the firey darts of the adversary. He says: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand." If the watchful eye of Jesus is ever upon His people, should not we, as the members of his visible Church on earth, watch over each other in love, and when we see a brother or sister departing from the commands in the Gospel, extend to them the hand of sympathy, and show them by our expressions of love that we still bear them upon our hearts, and that in our prayers we still carry them to the Throne of Grace, that God in his mercy might enable them to put on the whole armor of God, and be valiant soldiers in His holy cause. It is enjoined upon us to "Put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness, and that we should be kindly affectionate one to another, forbearing one to another, and forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven us." Brethren, when we apply the rule of Jesus Christ and the Apostles, are there any of us but what must feel that we come far short of its requirements? May we be enabled by grace Divine to observe the commandments of God, our Savior, and walk in wisdom's ways until our work on earth is done, and death removes the veil, when we shall enter the haven of eternal rest, where we shall see as we are seen and know as we are known, and enjoy the full presence of our God forever and ever. Farewell!